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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of March 15, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 15, 2006, and which the present response is being filed by the two-month date of May 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections and objection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.